

# Veteran's Park Trail Guide



**Four miles of walking trails near  
The Crossings at Carlsbad.**



## ***Point of Interest***

There are many hidden treasures hidden along the trails in Carlsbad. Please refer to the map within this guide to locate where these points of interest are located.

### **The Flower Fields**

The Flower Fields are the only commercial ranunculus fields in the world that are open to the public. This wonderful annual display of horticultural beauty opens in March, welcoming visitors into a sea of color and aromatic delights. Visitors can view 50-plus acres of breathtaking Giant Tecolote Ranunculus, abundant roses in the All American Rose Garden, the world famous Ecke poinsettias, and tour the entire ranch on an exciting tractor ride that is fun for the whole family.

### **LEGOLAND® California**

This world-renowned theme park is based on the popular building block toys created in Denmark in 1932 by Ole Kirk Christiansen, a carpenter from Billund, Denmark. The company name LEGO was coined by Christiansen from the Danish phrase "leg godt", which means "play well". The park is specifically geared towards children ages 2–12 and has more than 50 rides, shows and attractions for the whole family to enjoy.

### **Agua Hedionda Lagoon and The Discovery Center**

This area, also known as Macario Canyon, was home to the Luiseño Indian tribe. All are encouraged to learn about the rich cultural history of this native American Indian tribe and the importance of the lagoon ecosystem.



## ***City Wide Trail System***

### **Our space. Your place.**

The goal of the citywide trails program is to meet the changing and emerging leisure and quality of life needs of Carlsbad residents, while supporting the protection and preservation of open spaces.

### **Connecting Communities**

Leave your car behind and explore a bike route or trail instead. The city's trails provide a comprehensive network for non-motorized transportation routes, connecting neighborhoods to commercial and business areas, schools, parks and Carlsbad beaches.

## ***Volunteer Opportunities***

Join the many dedicated citizens who care deeply about the citywide trails. Citywide trail volunteers are critical for preserving, maintaining, protecting, developing and operating trails in Carlsbad for public use. Volunteers meet on a quarterly basis. It's a great way to have fun, keep fit and learn about our unique environment—all while making a lasting contribution that will benefit the community for generations to come. If you would like to become a trail volunteer, please contact our community volunteer coordinator at 760-434-2929, or sign up at [www.volunteerincarlsbad.net](http://www.volunteerincarlsbad.net).

### **Driving Directions:**

Take I-5 to Palomar Airport Road.  
Go east on Palomar Airport Road. to The Crossings Drive.  
(formerly Hidden Valley Road.)  
Continue on The Crossings Drive and turn right into the Clubhouse main entrance. Parking is available for trail users on the west end of the main parking lot at the trail head location.

Restroom facilities are available for trail users,  
inside the Clubhouse main entry

For more information  
[www.carlsbadca.gov/trails](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/trails)



## Trail Use Regulations

1. Stay on the designated trail. CPC 602
2. Put litter in containers provided. Do not leave or deposit any litter. CMC 11.32.030(1)
3. Pick up after your pet. CMC 7.08.010, SDCC 62.670
4. All pets must be on a hand-held leash under 6' long. CMC Sec. 7.08.010, SDCC Sec. 62.669
5. Bicycle riders 17 years and younger must wear a helmet. CVC 21212
6. Bicycles should be driven at safe speeds considering all other trail users.
7. Ride or walk on right side when traffic is coming from the opposite direction or when someone signals they would like to pass.
8. Motorized vehicles and horses are not allowed on this trail. CMC Secs. 11.32.030(11), 11.32.030(19)
9. No smoking, fires or firearms.  
CMC Secs. 11.32.030(2), 11.32.030(4), 11.32.110
10. Report accidents or emergencies to the Police Department (Dial 911).
11. Report trails maintenance problems or vandalism to the Parks Maintenance division at 760-434-2824.
12. Non-emergencies or violations of the above rules and regulations, call 24-hour police dispatch, 760-931-2197.

## Important Phone Numbers

Police & Fire (Emergencies only)	911
24-Hour Non-Emergency	760-931-2197
Parks Division (Trail Maintenance)	760-434-2824
Graffiti Removal	760-434-6700
Parks & Recreation Admin	760-434-2826
The Center For Natural Lands Management	760-731-7790



## Trail Highlights

The trails located within and near The Crossings at Carlsbad provide a diverse and unique trail experience for everyone. Whether you're out on the trails for a recreational experience or as part of a fitness program, there's much to see and explore along the way. The Crossings Trail leads to the west of the golf course and down to Macario Creek where one can experience the diverse local riparian habitat. The trail joins a rustic golf cart bridge and path at the bottom of the canyon, and then continues to Veterans Memorial Park via a pedestrian tunnel under Faraday Avenue. Inside Veterans Memorial Park there are more primitive trails that can be hiked to high vistas with breathtaking views of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon and the Pacific Ocean.